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This paper is filed in reply to the October 17, 2005 Office Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application. A 2-month extension of time is needed to avoid abandonment, which Petition therefore is included herewith.

**Amendments to the Specification** are discussed on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.